

Minutes for KPFK LSB Meeting of August 20, 2023
Via zoom
Minutes approved on Oct. 1, 2023

Meeting convened: 10:34am Pacific

Present:

Sandy Childs
John Cromshow
Vic Germani
Nicole "Nikki" Haun (seated 8/20/23)
Michael Heiss
Sue Cohen Johnson
Evelia Jones
Ali Lexa
Oye Oyeyipo
Myla Reson (Secretary *pro tem*)
Paul Roberson
Ruth Strauss
Elizabeth von Gunten
Harvey Wasserman (Chair)
Carlos Zavala
Michael Novick (iGM)
Kim Kaufman (Treasurer)

Absent:

Christina Avalos
Doug Barnett
Veronica Becerra
Mike Bressler
Rob Macon
Barbara Marbach

Excused Absence:

No opposition to excusing Paul Roberson from previous meeting by acclamation

Myla Reson moves, Paul Roberson seconds

[motion excusing all absences due to tropical storm]

Passes without objection

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Moved by Myla Reson; Seconded by Paul Roberson

"I move all absences be excused for this particular meeting due to the emergency cause by the tropical storm."

Passed without objection

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Ratification of completion of PNB Elections Committee Election

Whereas, the Chair has declared that Myla Reson and Christina Avalos have been elected via electronic mail as non-Director members of the PNB Elections Committee,

Resolved, that this election is ratified as complete.

Passed with only one objection from Elizabeth Von Gunten

LSB members present and not objecting to the adoption of the motion were:

Sandy Childs; John Cromshow; Vic Germani; Nicole "Nikki" Haun; Michael Heiss; Sue Cohen Johnson; Evelia Jones; Ali Lexa; Oye Oyeyipo; Myla Reson; Paul Roberson; Ruth Strauss; Harvey Wasserman (Chair); Carlos Zavala

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Treasurer's Report – Kim Kaufman Treasurer followed by Q&A (see appendix)

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iGM Report – KPFK iGM Michael Novick followed by Q&A

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National Directors Reports

Evelia Jones (verbal audio recording on KPFTx)
Ali Lexa & Elizabeth von Gunten(see appendix)

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Adjourn 12:08pm

Submitted by
Myla Reson, Secretary pro tem

Appendix

Treasurer's Report for August 20, 23 LSB meeting

Listener support as of May is \$674k and total revenue is \$844k. Total operating expenses (not including central services) are \$840k. Central services (with the lower calculation) adds \$165k to expenses. The current deficit (recalculated with lower central services) is 161k+/-.

Not all expenses are getting from the station to the NO so I think the overall expenses are likely somewhat higher.

As of last night, the fund drive was at \$52k. The per day average is \$3k. The average # of donations are 26 per day.

If we go 28 days for this drive as planned, the total fund drive days this year will be 152.

The listener support revenue is \$170k less than fy22 and the total revenue is \$176k less than fy22.

The expenses are \$329k less than fy22 (not including central services).

The monthly expenses are currently \$100k+/- per month (not including central services) and will be so (more or less, mostly more) until probably December. The revenue average for the year is about the same although the earlier fund drives were a higher per day and overall higher amount. Monthly central services with the lower calculation are at \$20,652 per month (which is not now and has not been paid since the end of 2019).

There are still major aged payables. The air conditioning is failing all over the station. The transmitter needs to be replaced which will likely be around \$150k and in the meantime power supplies and other repairs are needed which are expensive and hard to locate.

The network is facing serious financial difficulties beyond just KPFK.

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KPFK LSB Treasurer

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PNB Directors Report for Sun Aug 20, 2023 from Ali Lexa

At the August 17th, 2023 PNB meeting the following motion was passed regarding the upcoming elections:

Whereas the PNB passed a motion on October 20, 2022 providing that delegates whose terms would have ended in 2022 would continue to serve in 2023 if Pacifica failed to hold elections;

Whereas delegates whose terms would have ended in 2022 were either in their first term and therefore eligible to run again, or in their second term and therefore ineligible to run again, according to the Pacifica bylaws, and the delay from 2022 to 2023 in holding elections does not change that eligibility status;

Whereas Pacifica is in the midst of the election cycle for 2023, with the record period having passed, the period for candidate nomination having closed, the ballots not yet sent to members, and ballots slated to be sent to voters in the second half of August; and

Whereas it is important for voters to understand before they cast their votes the length of terms to which successful candidates would be elected and serve;

Therefore be it resolved that all candidates running in the 2023 delegate elections are running for two-year terms, and that the elections.pacifica.org website shall reflect this information. Pacifica elections would return to the Article Four, Section 3 schedule of holding elections in years one and two and no elections in year three (i.e., elections in 2024 and 2025 but not in 2026).

The Following motion was also passed:

Whereas Pacifica has lost its liability insurance for lack of payment of insurance premiums, and

Whereas Pacifica is effectively self-insuring for any liability until such time as the Foundation is able to secure commercial coverage again;

Therefore be it resolved that until further notice, any visitors to Pacifica units who are not paid employees of the Foundation or one of its units must sign the attached "Indemnity, Release of Liability and Waiver" form, or be denied entry into the unit's facility.

Regarding the KPFK Building, a new offer to buy the building was accepted and the process to sell the building was underway until the buyer had difficulty finalizing financing for the purchase. That offer is now off the table.

The building is still for sale and there are a few offers being looked at, however it appears they are not close enough to the asking price to be considered at this time.

Ali Lexa PNB Director, KPFK LSB Staff Rep

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PNB Director's Report
to KPFK LSB and Listeners
August 17, 2023
PNB Director Elizabeth von Gunten

Pacifica's most pressing business, financial precarity and the current elections, are covered elsewhere by others this month, so this report will focus on questions raised at the national level as to whether CABs at all stations are fulfilling their mandate to meet regularly and to assess community needs.

Eligibility for CPB funding is at least in part dependent on all stations meeting CPB requirements for active local CABS to meet regularly on an ongoing basis and fulfill certain function including a Community Needs Assessment.

There has been no previous routine procedure in place for CAB accountability to Pacifica as a whole, and therefore no routine reporting to assure compliance with CPB requirements.

The issue was raised at the Strategic Planning Committee this month, where KPFK CAB Chair Dan McCrory responded on short notice to a request to inform the Committee as to current CAB status and level of activity at each station.

The PNB then took up the matter, but referred it back to Committee for a clearer proposal as to who, when, in what form, and how often CABs shall report their status and activity at the national level.

I'm pleased to report that after a couple years hiatus, with much thanks to current local CAB Chair Dan McCrory for his tireless efforts to revive the KPFK CAB, it is again active and has been meeting regularly monthly for more than a year now without interruption.

Given that the KPFK LSB currently has no regular reporting procedure in place to hear from the local CAB, I move that KPFK LSB meetings reinstate regular monthly reports from all committees, to include such reports from the CAB as well.

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